Canada General Knowledge

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which Canadian city is the seat of the federal government and home to Parliament Hill?

A. Ottawa
B. Toronto
C. Vancouver
D. Montréal

Correct answer: A. Ottawa
Ottawa is the national capital. It sits on the Ottawa River opposite Gatineau.

2. Which leaf appears in the middle of Canada’s national flag?

A. Birch
B. Oak
C. Maple
D. Willow

Correct answer: C. Maple
A stylized red maple leaf sits in the white centre stripe of the red-and-white national flag.

3. On what date is Canada Day celebrated?

A. June 24
B. July 1
C. July 4
D. September 1

Correct answer: B. July 1
Canada Day is on July 1, the date Confederation took effect in 1867.

4. Which two languages have official status in Canada’s federal institutions?

A. English and Inuktitut
B. English and Spanish
C. French and German
D. English and French

Correct answer: D. English and French
English and French are official languages at the federal level. Provinces and territories can have additional language arrangements.

5. Which province includes Vancouver Island?
   A. Ontario
   B. British Columbia
   C. Nova Scotia
   D. Newfoundland and Labrador
   Correct answer: B. British Columbia
   Vancouver Island is off the Pacific coast of British Columbia. Victoria, the provincial capital, is on the island.

6. Which province belongs to Canada’s Prairie region?
   A. Manitoba
   B. Quebec
   C. New Brunswick
   D. British Columbia
   Correct answer: A. Manitoba
   Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta form the Prairie region in the federal study guide.

7. In which province would you visit Banff National Park?
   A. Ontario
   B. Manitoba
   C. Saskatchewan
   D. Alberta
   Correct answer: D. Alberta
   Banff National Park lies in Alberta’s Rocky Mountains.

8. Which animal appears on the classic Canadian five-cent coin?
   A. Polar bear
   B. Caribou
   C. Beaver
   D. Common loon
   Correct answer: C. Beaver
   The Royal Canadian Mint first used the classic beaver design on the five-cent coin in 1937.

9. Which Canadian province has the smallest land area?
   A. Prince Edward Island
   B. New Brunswick
   C. Nova Scotia
   D. Newfoundland and Labrador
   Correct answer: A. Prince Edward Island
   Prince Edward Island is the smallest province and is part of Atlantic Canada.

10. Which territorial capital lies on Baffin Island?

A. Inuvik
B. Whitehorse
C. Yellowknife
D. Iqaluit

Correct answer: D. Iqaluit
Iqaluit, on southern Baffin Island, is the capital of Nunavut.

11. Which province joined Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia as one of the four provinces at Confederation in 1867?

A. Prince Edward Island
B. British Columbia
C. New Brunswick
D. Manitoba

Correct answer: C. New Brunswick
New Brunswick was part of the original union. Manitoba, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island joined later.

12. The Confederation Bridge connects Prince Edward Island directly with which province?

A. Nova Scotia
B. New Brunswick
C. Quebec
D. Newfoundland and Labrador

Correct answer: B. New Brunswick
The bridge crosses the Northumberland Strait between Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

13. Which province became the tenth to enter Confederation in 1949?

A. Prince Edward Island
B. Alberta
C. Saskatchewan
D. Newfoundland and Labrador

Correct answer: D. Newfoundland and Labrador
Newfoundland joined in 1949. The province’s name was later changed to Newfoundland and Labrador.

14. In which year did O Canada officially become the national anthem under the National Anthem Act?

A. 1980
B. 1867
C. 1921
D. 1965

Correct answer: A. 1980
O Canada was already widely sung when the act made it the anthem on July 1, 1980.

15. What was the national holiday of July 1 called immediately before it was renamed Canada Day in 1982?

A. Victoria Day
B. Confederation Day
C. Dominion Day
D. Commonwealth Day

Correct answer: C. Dominion Day
The federal government formally changed the holiday’s name from Dominion Day to Canada Day in October 1982.